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Title : Method for Forming an Opening in a Light-Absorbing

Layer on a Mask

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.